

# Conviction Or Convenience

Acts 24:24-27

- **“Conviction”** a strong persuasion or belief: the state of being convinced . (Webster)
- **“Convenience “** freedom from discomfort : ease (Webster)

## Those Who Had Convictions...

- **Job**
  - Prosperity taken away. Job 1:13-19
  - His wife tempts him. Job 2:9
  - Job had convictions. Job 1:22; 2:10
- **Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego**
  - Decree of King. Daniel 3:1-6
  - Cast into furnace. Daniel 3:20-21
  - Saved by God. Daniel 3:17,25

## Those Who Had Convictions...

- **Abraham**
  - Left Ur. Hebrews 11:8-9; Genesis 15:8, 13-16
  - Promised a son. Romans 4:19-22
  - Offered Isaac. Genesis 22:1-5; Hebrews 11:17-19
- **Paul**
  - Had convictions. 2 Timothy 1:12
  - Willing to suffer. 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; Romans 8:18
  - Willing to die. Acts 21:11-13
  - Hope of reward. 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18

## Those Who Acted Because Of Convenience...

- **Jeroboam**
  - Golden calves. 1 Kings 12:28-29
  - For convenience. 1 Kings 12:26-27
  - Resulted in sin. 1 Kings 12:30-33
- **Judas Iscariot**
  - Listed as an apostle. Matthew 10:2-4
  - Loved money. John 12:4-6
  - Betrayed the Lord. Matthew 26:14-16

## Those Who Acted Because Of Convenience...

- **Pharisees**
  - Hearts not in religion. Matthew 15:8
  - Loved men's praises. Matthew 23:5-7
  - Hypocrites. Matthew 23:28
- **Rich fool**
  - Covetous. Luke 12:13-16
  - Thought only of self. Luke 12:17-19
  - At death, where were his treasures? Luke 12:20-21

## Conviction Or Convenience?

- Why do you attend worship? John 4:24
  - In spirit and in truth?
- Why have you not obeyed God? Acts 24:25
  - Because you are not convicted of your sins?  
cf. Acts 2
  - No convenient time?
- Why did you obey the gospel? Romans 6:17
  - From the heart or in pretense?